

REMARKS

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed September 6, 2006.

In the Office Action, restriction to one of the two following inventions was required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-17, drawn to an article of footwear.
- II. Claims 18-25, drawn to a method of attaching an element to an outsole of a shoe.

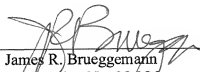
In response to this restriction requirement, Applicants elect the invention of group I. As indicated, original claims 1-17 are readable on this elected invention. Non-elected claims 18-25 have now been canceled, without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims.

This application should now be in condition for substantive examination. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' undersigned attorney might expedite the prosecution of this application, he is requested to call at the telephone number indicated below. Any fees due in connection with the filing of this Amendment should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-1853.

Respectfully submitted,

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